

Advisory Board

InfraGard Connecticut Members Alliance has created an Advisory Board that consists of representatives from each of the Federal agencies listed below. This unique relationship brings together critical members of the Federal Government Agencies that are present in Connecticut and are involved in the protection of our State, our infrastructure, and our citizens. These appointees provide guidance and input to our elected Board. Additionally, they provide the conduit to the Federal Agencies they represent to ensure open communication and information sharing across our broad-based membership of public and private sector individuals.

ADVISORS



United States Dept. of
Homeland Security



Federal Emergency
Management Agency



United States Coast Guard



TSA—Bradley Airport

InfraGard Connecticut Mission Statement

InfraGard Connecticut is a non-profit organization that provides a public/private sector partnership for the protection of local, state, and national infrastructure. We prepare society to prevent and respond to the exploitation of security vulnerabilities through confidential exchange of information among members and education of infrastructure stakeholders.

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**Conn. Dept. of Emergency
Management and Homeland Security**



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ABOUT INFRAGARD

InfraGard is an alliance between the private sector, the FBI, and other public sector entities with the goal and intent of guarding the nation's critical infrastructure through public and private partnerships and information sharing. The Connecticut Chapter is one of the most robust in the country with nearly 800 members representing 510 organizations. As a local chapter of the National InfraGard, InfraGard Connecticut is mainly concerned with increasing communication between Connecticut-based organizations and between those organizations, the FBI, and the State of Connecticut Dept. of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, specifically concerning physical and computer infrastructure security issues and news.

WHAT GOES ON

InfraGard Connecticut provides confidential forums to share information and build relationships with members of the community in both public and private sectors. We hold Quarterly Meetings, Training Sessions, and special events for our members and guests concerned with, and focused on, information sharing, infrastructure protection, and preparedness.

Becoming a Member

Visit the web site www.infragard-ct.org and click on the link *Membership Information*.

A Brief History

The InfraGard concept, led by the FBI, was originally developed in 1996 to facilitate direct contact between the FBI and infrastructure owners and operators within the private sector. The original purpose was to share information about cyber intrusions, infrastructure vulnerabilities, and possible threats to that infrastructure. As time passed, the focus expanded to encompass physical threats. In October 2000, Special Agent Martin J. McBride was assigned by the FBI to be the FBI Coordinator for the Connecticut chapter. By July 2001, the first InfraGard Connecticut Executive Council, consisting of six elected members and the FBI Coordinator was established. In 2004, a formal partnership was crafted with the Conn. State Dept. of Homeland Security (now the Conn. Dept. of Emergency Management and Homeland Security—DEMHS). Today, the diverse membership of InfraGard Connecticut covers critical infrastructure sectors such as Banking & Finance, Energy, Chemical, Food & Agriculture, Information Technology, Public Health, Emergency Services, Transportation, Government Services, and Water. In October 2006, Commissioner James Thomas appointed InfraGard Connecticut as the private sector entity that will report to the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and each of the five regional EOCs to serve in the role of communicating with members and non-members in the private sector when the EOCs are activated during an emergency.

The Partnership

InfraGard Connecticut is a partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and the InfraGard Connecticut Members Alliance (ICTMA) which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Each of these entities works together to build a strong Chapter of subject matter experts who provide a service to the community, businesses and government that encourages the protection of our critical infrastructures, our citizens, our community, and our State.



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